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Minutes of Meeting Held in  
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 22 October 1957

Director of Central Intelligence  
Allen W. Dulles  
Presiding\*

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell  
Presiding\*

M E M B E R S   P R E S E N T

Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., Director of Intelligence and Research,  
Department of State  
Major General Robert A. Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,  
Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Department of the Navy  
Major General Millard Lewis, \* Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,  
United States Air Force  
Colonel S. W. Fitzgerald, Jr., \* acting for Assistant Chief of Staff,  
Intelligence, United States Air Force  
Colonel E. G. Van Orman, acting for Deputy Director for Intelligence,  
The Joint Staff  
Mr. Charles H. Reichardt, acting for Atomic Energy Commission  
representative to the IAC  
Mr. Alan H. Belmont, Federal Bureau of Investigation representative  
to the IAC

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1. Approval of Minutes  
15 October Meeting  
(IAC-M-311)

Approved as written.

2. Situation Review

- a. Watch Committee Report  
No. 376

Noted.

- b. Sensitive Situations

The Chairman referred to the recent bombing of US personnel and property in Saigon and General Schow reported various details on the background, circumstances and extent of injuries or damage. Several members expressed the view that the bombings appeared to be Communist-inspired rather than a manifestation of popular anti-US sentiment.

After stating that he did not necessarily regard it as a sensitive situation, General Schow informed the members regarding the nature of new approaches being made by the Egyptians to the US military attache in Damascus.

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General Lewis reported the details of recent Soviet actions against certain US attache personnel in the USSR. Various members indicated their concern over this matter and noted the desirability of devising suitable methods of dealing with this and any similar future incidents, both by diplomatic and other means. The Chairman suggested that Mr. Cumming consult further on this matter with appropriate personnel in the State Department.

3. Post-Mortems

- a. NIE 51-57  
Consequences of Economic  
Crisis in India  
(Memorandum, 21 October)

Noted the findings and approved the recommendation of this post-mortem.

- b. NIE 30-2-57  
Near East Developments  
Affecting US Interests  
(Memorandum, 21 October)

Noted the findings and approved the recommendation of this post-mortem.

4. Review of SNIE 11-6-57 and  
Contributions to NIE 11-4-57  
for NESC  
(Memorandum to IAC, 11 October;  
IAC-M-298, 16 July, item 2)

Approved the draft statement by the Board of National Estimates and its transmission to the Director, NESC, subject to deletion of:

- (a) "substantial" in the third line of paragraph 1 and (b) subparagraph  
1 b.

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5. Initiation of SNIE 11-10-57  
Probable Development Time-  
table and Characteristics of  
the Soviet ICBM

Agreed to initiate this estimate and proceed according to the plan outlined in the Board of National Estimates memorandum of 21 October, with a tentative deadline for IAC review of 26 November.

6. Memorandum re 25X1 25X1  
Probable Soviet Action in  
Various Contingencies 25X1 25X1  
Affecting Syria

[REDACTED]

After discussion the members approved this draft, as amended. However, the members also concurred in the view that it should not be designated an SNIE at this time but should be considered a coordinated working paper [REDACTED] In addition, it was agreed that this paper should be distributed only on a very limited basis to the members of the IAC, with the further understanding that it be reviewed again by the IAC [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and possibly reissued as an SNIE. [REDACTED] noted that it was not now planned to prepare a post-mortem on this paper.

7. Introduction of Colonel Holcomb

Admiral Frost introduced Colonel Holcomb, USMC, who had been present during the meeting.

8. Remarks by Mr. Cumming

Mr. Cumming stated that he wished to express the appreciation of the Secretary of State to the Joint Staff for a special paper which had been prepared on a crash basis over the past weekend.

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9. Restricted Session

a. Memorandum re Soviet  
Capabilities and Intentions

The Chairman circulated a CIA memorandum, dated 22 October, dealing with various military factors affecting Soviet capabilities and intentions over the next five years, noting that it was designed for use as a working paper [redacted]

The members exchanged views on this paper in the course of which certain suggested amendments were incorporated in the memorandum, including an indication that the statements therein should not necessarily be regarded as reflecting an agreed IAC view. It was also agreed that copies of the memorandum, as amended, would be distributed to the members on a limited basis.

b. GMIC Report

The members considered a GMIC proposal in restricted session, during which General Cabell presided. The GMIC plan was approved, subject to certain considerations raised during the course of the discussion.

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Adjournment: 1300

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JOHN HEIRES  
Secretary

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